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"AN ACT CONCERNING THE REEMPLOYMENT OF RETIRED TEACHERS, THE PURCHASE OF ADDITIONAL CREDITED SERVICE IN THE TEACHERS' RETIREMENT SYSTEM, THE EXCESS EARNINGS ACCOUNT, CREDIT FOR SERVICE WITH CERTAIN BARGAINING ORGANIZATIONS, AND PAYMENT FOR ADDITIONAL CREDITED SERVICE PURCHASED BY BOARDS OF EDUCATION."

After the last section, add the following and renumber sections and internal references accordingly:

"Sec. 501. (NEW) (Effective July 1, 2003) (a) A parent or guardian of a child requiring special education who is attending a public school and for whom an individualized education program has been written in accordance with chapter 164 of the general statutes and the regulations adopted by the State Board of Education pursuant to said chapter 164 may request an alternative placement into a special education program approved by the State Department of Education by notifying the local or regional board of education of such intent. A child shall be eligible for placement in an alternative program pursuant to this section, if (1)

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the child did not meet his or her individualized education program goals by his or her annual review, (2) the parent or guardian of such child obtained acceptance for admission of the child to an approved special education program, and (3) such parent or guardian notified the local or regional board of education of the intent to use alternative placement at least sixty days prior to the date of enrollment in the alternative placement.

- (b) This section shall not apply to a child who is enrolled in Unified School District #1. For purposes of continuity of the child's education, the child shall be eligible to remain in the alternative placement until the child returns to the public school to which assigned or graduates from high school, provided at any time after a child has completed one year in an alternative placement, the child's parent or guardian may remove the child from such alternative placement and place the child in another approved special education program in accordance with the notification provisions of subsection (a) of this section.
- (c) A school district shall notify a parent or guardian, within two weeks of such parent or guardian's request for alternative placement of the acceptance of such request for alternative placement, and may offer the parent or guardian an opportunity to enroll the child in another approved special education program within the district or outside such district. The parent or guardian is not required to accept this offer in lieu of seeking the alternative placement. If the parent or guardian accepts the school district's offer, the child may continue attending that approved special educational program until the student graduates from high school."